

27123
↑CUSTOMER NUMBER↑

Confirmation No.: 3629
Date of Notice of Allowance: October 6, 2005
Attorney Docket No.: 1232-5308

RECEIVED
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Applicant(s): MAEDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2636

JAN 18 2006

Serial No.: 10/786,872

Examiner: George A. BUGG

Filed: February 24, 2004

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING ARTICLES

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

Sir:

I hereby certify that the following item(s):

1. Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(i) (1 p.);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 p.); and
3. Copy of each reference cited on PTO-1449 (57 pp. total):

Item 1 - USP 5,963,134 (21 pp.);

Item A - KRA2001-22227 (22 pp.);

Item B - KRA2003-008383 (9 pp.);

Item AA - Korean Office Action in counterpart application (3 pp.); and

Item BB - English Abstract for KRA2003-008383 (Item B) (2 p.)

is/are being transmitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.8 by facsimile on the date indicated below to:

Examiner George A. BUGG, Group Art Unit 2636

Tel. No.: (571) 272-2998

Fax No.: (571) 273-8300

Transmission Total: 60 pages (including this cover sheet).

Respectfully submitted,
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

By:

Stephen Manetta

Stephen Manetta

Dated: January 18, 2006

Correspondence Address:

MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.
3 World Financial Center
New York, NY 10281-2101
(212) 415-8700 Telephone
(212) 415-8701 Facsimile

968220 v1

27123
↑CUSTOMER NUMBER↑

Confirmation No.: 3629
Date of Notice of Allowance: October 6, 2005
Attorney Docket No.: 1232-5308

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

Applicant(s): MAEDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2636

JAN 18 2006

Serial No.: 10/786,872

Examiner: George A. BUGG

Filed: February 24, 2004

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING ARTICLES

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(i)**

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to Rule 56, applicant hereby calls the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

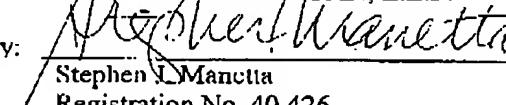
This document is accompanied by a Form PTO-1449 listing U.S. Patent No. Korean Patent Application KRA2001-22227 (Item A) and its counterpart US Patent 5,963,134 (Item 1) and Korean Patent Application KRA2003-008383 (Item B) and its English Abstract (Item BB). These items were cited in and first brought to Applicants' attention by an Office Action issued by the Korean Patent Office on December 9, 2005 for counterpart Korean Patent Application No. 10-2004-0012214. The Korean Office Action is enclosed and is also listed on the Form PTO-1449 (Item AA).

A Notice of Allowance was issued in this case on October 6, 2005. The issue fee was paid on November 14, 2005. As of the filing of this paper, the patent has not been issued. As such, this document is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(i). Applicants respectfully request its being placed in the file record.

The filing of this information disclosure statement is not intended to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5308.

Respectfully submitted,
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.

By: 
Stephen L. Manetta
Registration No. 40,426

Dated: January 18, 2006

Correspondence Address:
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.
3 World Financial Center
New York, NY 10281-2101
(212)415-8700 Telephone/(212)415-8701 Facsimile

Page 1 of 1

Examiner Initial	Item	OTHER DOCUMENTS (<i>Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers,</i>)
	AA	Office Action issued by the Korean Patent Office on December 9, 2005 for counterpart Korean Patent Application No. 10-2004-0012214
	BB	English Abstract for KRA2003-008383 (Item B)

Examiner	Date Considered
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.	

968261 v1